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Dr. Joshua Lederberg,
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for your letter of April 4th. As I was busy with some other phage problems at the time of Boulgakov, as well as Rakieten, publications, I do not recollect the details, only the basic fact. My suggestion would be to write to Boulgakov. Usually he keeps all the phages he can lay his hands on and is always willing to supply them to anybody interested. His address is:

Dr. N. A. Boulgakov
Laboratoire du Bacteriophage
75, Rue Olivier de Serres
Paris, XV, France

The problem of curing (I intentionally omit quotation marks) bacteria from symbiotic phage interests me very much and I have attempted some experiments in that direction. Unfortunately I have so many more urgent problems that I have to put the therapy of bacterial population aside and would be very glad to assist anybody who is willing to try. We have some substances which may achieve the purpose and I hope we would be able to supply them. If you or Mrs. Lederberg will be here for Federation meeting, I would be very interested to discuss the problem.

Sincerely yours,

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